FISCAL MEMORANDUM HB 312 - SB 1538

April 13, 2007

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005089): Exempts cases funded through the State Prosecutions Fund and appeals filed by state agencies from the \$2.00 increase in filing fees for notices charged by appellate court clerks.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

(CORRECTED)

Increase State Revenues – Net Impact - \$ 115,600 State Court System

Other Fiscal Impact – An additional \$129,700 will be transferred from the State Prosecutions Fund to operation of the State Court System and \$8,500 will be transferred from the general fund to operation of the State Court System.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Revenues - Net Impact - \$115,600 State Court System

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- In FY05-06, the Appellate Court Clerk's Office generated 141,000 notices. This estimate assumes the same number of notices with the increased fee would generate an additional \$253,800 in revenues (\$2.00 x 141,000 x 90%).
- The Administrative Office of the Courts estimates that of the total of \$253,800, \$129,720 (46% x \$282,000) will be exempt from the increase in filing fees. In 10 percent (141,000 x .10 = \$14,100) of the non-criminal filings, the fee will not be collected due to indigency. The net impact to the state court system would be an increase in state revenues of \$115,600 (\$129,720 \$14,100 = \$115,620).

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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